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**wast·ing** (wā'stīng)  
adj.

1. Gradually deteriorating; declining: *the **wasting** process of erosion.*
2. Sapping the strength, energy, or substance of the body; emaciating: *a **wasting** disease.*

**wast'ing-ly** adv.

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[debility](#), [feebleness](#), [frailness](#), [frailty](#), [infirmity](#) - the state of being weak in health or body (especially from old age)

**2. wasting** - a decrease in size of an organ caused by disease or disuse

[atrophy](#), [wasting away](#)

[amyotrophia](#), [amyotrophy](#) - progressive **wasting** of muscle tissues

[tabes](#) - **wasting** of the body during a chronic disease

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